

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1 recites a multiple fabric comprising first warps and second warps, the first and second warps being arranged in respective layers in an unstretched state of the head receiving part, the first warps overlapping the second warps in the unstretched state. As an example, the Examiner's attention is drawn to present FIG. 2A.

It is noted that figure 'a' at page 159 of the Lord reference illustrates a cross section with no overlapping of the filling, which is used as weft yarns. Furthermore, McKenzie generally teaches a crown having opposing surfaces 10 and 11, however, there is no teaching that these opposing surfaces are made of a multiple fabric.

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies in Lord and McKenzie, and are not relied upon to do so.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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